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SUBJ: THAI NEWSPAPER CRITICIZES EMBASSY EXPRESSION OF CONCERN  
REGARDING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

FOL IS TEXT OF EDITORIAL IN THAI-LANGUAGE DAILY TIME  
OF SEPT 6 (TRANSLATION BY USIS):

PARA 1 - QTE IT IS OUR INTERNAL AFFAIR TO SET ANY STANDARD  
IN ALLOWING OR REFUSING ENTRY OF REFUGEES TO OUR COUNTRY,  
BECAUSE WE MUST REGARD NATIONAL SECURITY AS OF GREAT  
SIGNIFICANCE. IF ANY COUNTRY TRIES TO SUGGEST THAT WE  
OBSERVE ITS IDEALS, ITS MOVE WILL PROBABLY BECOME AN ACT  
OF OPEN INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

PARA 2 - QTE THAILAND HAS LONG SHOWN THAT IT FIRMLY  
ADHERES TO HUMANITY BY ACCEPTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS  
OF REFUGEES TO LIVE TEMPORARILY IN THE COUNTRY, EVEN  
THOUGH THEIR PRESENCE CAUSES A GREAT BURDEN AND A GREAT  
PROBLEM FOR US. SINCE THE CHANGEOVER IN NEIGHBORING  
COUNTRIES LONG AGO, IT IS NOW AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR  
THAILAND TO STOP REFUGEES FROM ENTERING HERE. THE U.S.,  
WHICH PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BOOSTING HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND HUMANITY, IS NOW BACKING VIETNAM TO BECOME A UN MEMBER,  
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DESPITE THE FACT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT RESPECTED BY  
ITS GOVERNMENT AND ITS OWN PEOPLE ARE TREATED INHUMANLY,  
RESULTING IN FREQUENT EXODUSES OUT OF VIET-NAM. THUS, THE  
WORRY ABOUT THAILAND'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT REFUGEES AS  
EXPRESSED BY AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT DURING HIS RECENT MEETING  
WITH THAI AUTHORITIES IS CONSIDERED A MOVE MADE WITHOUT  
REGARD FOR THAILAND'S SECURITY PROBLEMS.

PARA 3 - QTE REFUGEES WHO ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE HERE FOR AMERICA ARE CAREFULLY SCREENED BY THE U.S. TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE EDUCATED PERSONS OR THEY HAVE SERVED THE U.S. THOSE PEOPLE MUST NOT BE INCLINED TOWARD COMMUNISM AND WILL NOT ENDANGER U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY. IN CONTRAST, THE REFUGEES REMAINING HERE CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO HAVE ENTERED THAILAND WITH SINCERE MOTIVES, AND WE CANNOT TRUST THEM NOT TO UNDERMINE OUR NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE.

PARA 4 - QTE USUALLY, COUNTRIES LACKING HUMANITY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THE SAFETY OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, BUT WILL GRASP ANY CHANCE TO SUBVERT THAILAND/WHENEVER IT OPENS THE DOOR OF HUMANITY TO PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONALITIES. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD FRAME OUR DOOR TO THE APPROPRIATE EXTENT THAT IT WILL NOT BE DANGEROUS TO US. OTHERS SHOULD TAKE THEIR HANDS OFF US\* END QTE.  
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